

Examiner Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Wrkich on 7/9/2009.

Claim 43 is amended as follows:

Change the dependency of claim 43 from claim 1 to *claim 29*

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 29 and 31 contain allowable subject matter because the prior art of record does not contain the feature "detect variations in a non-zero amount of light striking different receiving elements the different receiving elements having distinctive sensitivity due to the different aperture shapes"

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEAN MOTSINGER whose telephone number is (571)270-1237. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

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